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This is another battery on General Grant's Military Railroad, operated the same as the mortar "Dictator" shown in view No. 831. The heavy cannon is mounted on a very strong, special-made car, protected with a roof of railroad iron. The car is readily moved along the line and the cannon is fired whenever required; it is thus made very effective and annoying to the enemy, for it is something like the Irishman's flea; "When they put their hand on it, it aint there," in other words, when they turn the fire of their batteries on the Railroad Battery, our boys hitch on to the car and run it along out of the line of fire, and commence pegging away again. By the time the "Johnnies" find out where the Railroad Battery is, and get the range to smash it, "it aint there" again; the boys run it along to a new stand for business.

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This series of pictures are ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS taken during the war of the Rebellion. More than a quarter of a century has passed away since the sun painted these real scenes of that great war, and the "negatives" (made by the old "wet plate" process) have undergone chemical changes which renders it slow and difficult work to get "prints" from them. Of course no more "negatives" can be made, as the scenes represented by this series of war views have passed away forever. The great value of these pictures is apparent. Some "negatives" are entirely past printing from, and all of them are very slow printers.

A WORD AS TO PRICES.

A gentleman living near Watkin's Glen, New York, wrote us that he thought 30 cents each, too high a price for the stereoscopic war views, as he could buy views of Watkin's Glen for $1.50 per dozen. We wrote him to this effect:

"If there was but one negative of Watkin's Glen in existence, and if Watkin's Glen itself were entirely wiped off the face of the earth, and if this one negative was old and 'dense' and very slow to 'print,' and if all the people of this country were as much interested in a view of Watkin's Glen as they are in seeing the real scenes of our great war, so faithfully reproduced, THEN, and ONLY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, should Watkin's Glen Pictures be compared to photographs taken 'at the front' during the days of 1861 to 1865."

The gentleman "acknowledged the corn," took the war views he wished for, paid the reasonable price asked for them, and was satisfied.

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